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Scope of Work

Mission (SB14-187 Page 7)

The Mission of the Commission is to ensure that Coloradans have access to affordable health care in Colorado. The Commission shall focus its recommendations on evidence-based cost-control, access, and quality improvement initiatives and the cost-effective expenditure of limited state moneys to improve the health of the state's population.

Powers and Duties of the Commission (SB14-187: Pages 8-10)

1. (a) Identify, examine and report on:
 - a. the principle cost drivers for Colorado Businesses and their employees,
 - b. individuals who purchase their own health insurance,
 - c. Colorado's Medicaid Program and
 - d. Uninsured based on data driven, evidence based analysis
2. (b) Evidence Based Initiatives: Data Analysis on evidence based initiatives designed to reduce health care costs while maintaining or improving access to and quality of care.
3. (c) Information Availability: Analyze the impact of increased availability of information on:
 - a. Health care pricing
 - b. Cost
 - c. Quality of provider
 - d. Payers
 - e. Purchasers
 - f. Consumer behavior
4. (d) State Regulations: Review, analyze and seek public input on state regulations impacting delivery and payment system innovations.
5. (e) Out of Pocket Costs: Analyze impact of out-of-pocket costs and high deductible plans have on:
 - a. Patient Spending
 - b. Uncompensated Care
 - c. Outcomes
 - d. Access to Care
6. (f) Access to Care: Examine access to care and its impact on health costs including:
 - a. Network Adequacy
 - b. Composition of health care workforce
 - c. Distribution of Colorado's Health Care Workforce
7. (g) Existing Information Resources: Review reports and studies for potential information including:
 - a. Reports
 - b. Studies
 - c. Work
 - d. Colorado and out of state organizations
 - e. Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform

- f. Accountable Care Collaborative
 - g. Colorado Foundation for Medical Care
 - h. Colorado's State Health Innovation Plan
- 8. (h) Report out comes of the 208 Commission as well as the impact of implementing those recommendations.
- 9. (i) Data: Collect and review data including:
 - a. Rate Review Process Data from DOI
 - b. Payment information from HCPF
- 10. (j) Medicaid Expansion: Review the impact of Medicaid Expansion on:
 - a. Health Care Costs
 - b. Access to Care
 - c. Access to Commercial Insurance
- 11. (k) Medicaid Waivers: Evaluate the impact of a Global Medicaid Waiver on:
 - a. Health Care Costs
 - b. Access to Care
 - c. Quality of Care
- 12. (l) Public information: Review publicly available information:
 - a. Pricing Transparency
 - b. Adequacy, Composition and distribution of physician and health care networks.
 - c. Drug Formularies
 - d. Co-Insurance, Copayments and deductibles
 - e. Health Plan Availability
- 13. (m) Collaboration: To ensure existing cost containment and payment reform efforts are fully integrated, the Commission will work with other Boards, Task Forces, Commissions, or other entities that study or address:
 - a. Health care costs
 - b. Access
 - c. Quality
- 14. (n) Enter into business associate agreements with HIPAA covered entities.
- 15. (o) To make recommendations about other public or private entities that should continue to study health cost drivers in Colorado.
- 16. (p) To make recommendations to the Congressional Delegation about changes in Federal law that may be needed to make health care affordable in Colorado.
- 17. (q) Any other authority necessary to perform its administrative duties.
- 18. (r) Any other duties necessary to fulfill its mission.